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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: May 22, 2008
Meeting Time: 1:30 P.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington St., 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Rep. B. Patrick Bauer, Chairperson; Sen. David Long, Vice-Chairperson; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. Russell Stilwell; Rep. Scott Pelath; Rep. Charlie Brown; Rep. Brian Bosma; Rep. Kathy Kreag Richardson; Rep. William Friend; Sen. James Merritt; Sen. Connie Lawson; Sen. Brandt Hershman; Sen. Teresa Lubbers; Sen. Vi Simpson.

Members Absent: Sen. Samuel Smith; Sen. Richard Young.

I. Call to Order and Introduction of Members

Speaker B. Patrick Bauer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. He then asked

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the members of the Council to introduce themselves.

II. Consideration of Legislative Council Resolutions (LCR's) Concerning Interim Study Committee Assignment of Topics and Operational Rules

The Chair asked Mr. John M. Ross, Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency (LSA), to explain proposed LCR 08-01 concerning creation of an ad hoc interim study committee and the assignment of topics to statutory committees and commissions.

Mr. Ross explained that the legislative leaders were recommending the creation of one (1) ad hoc committee on immigration issues and the assignment of various topics to existing statutory committees and commissions. He then referenced the proposed resolution LCR 08-01 concerning these topics which had previously been circulated to the members. He noted that the following three (3) amendments were being recommended by the leaders to the that proposed resolution:

(1) the Interim Study Committee on Immigration Issues be a 12 member committee rather than a 10 member committee;

(2) the Natural Resources Study Committee study the additional topic of discharging firearms on bodies of water in densely populated areas; and

(3) the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy study the additional topic of purchasing practices and efficiencies of area educational service centers and the application of IC 36-1-12 to those purchasing practices.

Representative Brian Bosma made a motion to amend proposed LCR 08-01, the motion was seconded by Senator David Long and adopted by a voice vote. LCR 08-01, as amended, was then approved by a unanimous voice vote (Exhibit A).

The Chair then asked Mr. Ross to explain LCR 08-02 (Exhibit B) concerning the operational rules and funding for interim committees.

Mr. Ross explained that the rules were the same as the previous few years but for the extension of the deadline for the final report of the Interim Study Committee on Immigration Issues to the Council from November 1, 2008, to December 1, 2008.

The Council adopted LCR 08-02 unanimously by voice vote.

III. Announcement of Legislative Council Subcommittee Membership

The Chair then announced the membership of the Council Subcommittees as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL DATA PROCESSING SUBCOMMITTEE

Representative Stilwell, Chair
Representative Richardson
Senator Hershman
Senator Smith

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL EVALUATION AND OVERSIGHT POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

Representative Pelath, Chair
Representative Friend

Senator Lawson
 Senator R. Young

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PERSONNEL SUBCOMMITTEE

Speaker Bauer, Chair
 Representative Bosma
 President Pro Tempore Long
 Senator R. Young

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL SPACE UTILIZATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Representative Grubb, Chair
 Representative Richardson
 Senator Merritt
 Senator Simpson

IV. Consideration of LCR 08-03 Concerning Payment of Annual Dues to Certain Legislative Organizations

The Chair asked Mr. Ross to explain LCR 08-03 (Exhibit C) to the Council. Mr. Ross noted that LCR 08-03 directed the annual dues, as set forth in the biennial budget (P.L. 234-2007), be paid to the following organizations:

- National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL)
- Council of State Governments (CSG)
- National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL).

The Council adopted LCR 08-03 by unanimous voice vote.

V. Consideration of LCR 08-04 Concerning Approval of the Administrative Rules Drafting Manual

Mr. Ross next explained that LCR 08-04 (Exhibit D) contained a recommendation from the Code Revision Commission to adopt the Administrative Rules Drafting Manual, as approved by the Commission at their October 25, 2007, meeting. Mr. Ross noted that copies of the Drafting Manual were available to the members of the Council upon request. The Council adopted LCR 08-04 by unanimous voice vote.

VI. Consideration of LCR 08-05 Concerning the Biennial Budget Request for the Legislative Council and the LSA.

Mr. Ross next presented proposed LCR 08-05 for Council approval. He explained that the recommended appropriation for "LSA operating" in the resolution represented a 4% increase from FY2008 to FY2009, and a 4% increase from FY2009 to FY2010. He further noted that the recommended appropriation for "LSA legislative printing" represented a 3.8% increase for each year of the biennium.

The Chair asked Mr. Ross to highlight the two (2) amendments being recommended by the legislative leadership to the appropriation for "Legislator and lay member travel" in the proposed resolution. Mr. Ross noted that due to gasoline and travel price increases, the leaders were recommending increasing the "Legislator and lay member travel"

appropriation by \$30,000 in the first year of the biennium, and by \$50,000 in the second year of the biennium. These two (2) amendments were adopted by unanimous voice vote.

LCR 08-05, as amended, was adopted by unanimous voice vote (Exhibit E).

VII. Consideration of LCR 08-06 Concerning Topics Recommended by the Legislative Evaluation and Oversight Policy Subcommittee (LEOPS)

Mr. Ross was then asked by the Chair to explain LCR 08-06 (Exhibit F). Mr. Ross explained that LEOPS had met last Fall and recommended a study of the Department of Agriculture and the establishment of benchmarks for a future evaluation of the Healthy Indiana Program. The proposed resolution adopts those recommendations and requires LSA to complete reports on these topics by July 1, 2008. The resolution also establishes the Department of Agriculture Evaluation Committee to receive and study the evaluation of the reorganization of the Department of Agriculture. The resolution additionally specifies that LEOPS shall direct LSA to study and evaluate the Department of Local Government Finance and report by July 1, 2009 and study and evaluate the Healthy Indiana Plan in 2010 and report by July 1, 2011.

LCR 08-06 was adopted by unanimous voice vote.

VIII. Other Business and Adjournment

The Chair then announced the membership of the Department of Agriculture Evaluation Committee as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Representative Pflum, Chair
Representative Grubb
Representative Lehe
Representative Knollman
Senator Nugent
Senator Boots
Senator R. Young
Senator Deig

The Chair noted that the next Council meeting will involve a report to the Council by the Department of Local Government Finance as required by section 277 of HEA 1001-2008.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.